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Chairman: Mr. Hunte ..... (Saint Lucia)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

The meeting was suspended at 3.20 p.m. and resumed at 3.25 p.m.

Report of the Special Committee
(A/AC.109/2006/CRP.2)

2. **The Chairman**, drawing attention to the draft report of the Special Committee contained in document A/AC.109/2006/CRP.2, proposed that paragraph 14 should be deleted and replaced with the following text: "The Special Committee also decided to defer the draft decision appointing Dr. Carlyle Corbin as an independent expert to the organizational session of the Special Committee in February 2007." With regard to paragraph 15, he proposed that the phrase "and that this facility be extended to selected experts based on the availability of resources" should be deleted. If he saw no objection, he would take it that the Special Committee wished to adopt the draft report, as orally revised.

3. *It was so decided.*

Other matters

4. **The Chairman**, noting that the Pacific Regional Seminar had had to be postponed, said that, to date, no other Member State had declared itself in a position to host the seminar in 2006. He therefore sought the Committee's guidance as to whether the Pacific region would be able to host a seminar that year. It should be borne in mind that the 2007 seminar was scheduled to take place in the Caribbean, and that the next opportunity for the Pacific region to host a seminar would be in 2008.

5. **Mr. Guterres** (Timor-Leste) expressed regret that the current situation in his country had made it impossible to hold the Pacific Regional Seminar there. It was to be hoped that another country would be able to host the seminar.

6. **Mr. Gregoire** (Dominican Republic) said it was regrettable that it had proved impossible to hold the Pacific Regional Seminar in Timor-Leste. Perhaps it could be held in 2007, in addition to the Caribbean Regional Seminar already scheduled for that year.

7. **Ms. Takaku** (Papua New Guinea) asked whether Committee members from the Pacific Group could be given another opportunity to consult with their heads of mission on the matter.

8. **The Chairman**, pointing out that little time remained for making the necessary arrangements to hold the seminar in 2006, said that the form of the seminar could perhaps be modified to allow it to be held that year, thereby preserving the principle of alternating between regions each year. He proposed that the Committee should defer a decision on the matter so as to allow the Pacific Group countries to try to find a suitable venue for the seminar.

9. *It was so decided.*

Closure of the session

10. **Mr. Gregoire** (Dominican Republic) said that much work remained to be done in order to achieve the aims of the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism by 2010.

11. After the usual exchange of courtesies, **the Chairman** declared closed the 2006 session of the Special Committee.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.